

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 16-18, 20, 23, 26-28 and 31-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 24, 25, 29 and 30 have been canceled, claims 1, 4, 8-10, 16 and 28 have been amended and claim 33 has been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding office action, claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16-18, 23-25, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen; claims 4, 5 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen and Henderson; claims 26, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen and Mital; and claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen, Henderson and Snyder et al.

Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16-18, 23-25, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include subject matter similar to that recited in claims 24, 25 and 29, 30, respectively, and to clarify that the first plurality of input keys and the first display screen of the personal organizer unit are located on a first outside surface of the housing, and the second plurality of input keys and the second display screen of the wireless telephone unit are located on a second outside surface of the housing, opposite to the first outside surface. Independent claim 16 includes similar features in a varying scope.

These features are supported at least by FIGs. 1 and 2, which illustrate the plurality of input keys 62 and display screen 64 of the organizer 60 located on a first outside surface of the

housing and the plurality of keys 52 and display screen (not numbered) of the telephone unit 50 located on a second outside surface of the housing opposite to the first outside surface (see also page 12, lines 18-20).

Regarding the features recited in dependent claims 24, 25 and 29, 30, the office action relies on Nguyen as teaching a second plurality of keys 12 and a second display screen 11 located on a second side of the housing opposite to the first side and cites FIGS. 1 and 2. However, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, the different keys and displays are not on opposite outside surfaces of the device, but rather the keys for the PDA are arranged on an inside of the device 10. That is, the keys for the PDA in Nguyen are only accessible by opening the device 10.

The device in Nguyen is particularly disadvantageous because when pressing the keys on the PDA, the device tends to fall out of a user hands due to the pressure of pressing the keys. Further, when the device is opened, it is larger and more awkward to hold the device in one hand and enter information using the other hand. This differs from the present invention in which the claimed input keys and display screens are on outside surfaces of the housing. Thus, the user is easily able to hold the device with one hand and enter information with the other hand. Zanchi also does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10 and 16 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Claims 4, 5 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Zanchi in view of Nguyen and Henderson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claim 4 has been amended to recite that the base station comprises a cradle for receiving the mobile device, in which the cradle is obliquely angled with respect to the base

station such that when the mobile device is placed in the cradle, the speaker of the wireless telephone unit points towards a user seated in front of the computer base station and the second plurality of input keys are readily accessible to the user.

These features are supported at least by FIG. 1, for example, which illustrates the cradle 22 being obliquely angled with respect to the base station such that the speaker 56 points toward a user seated in front of the computer base station and the input keys 52 are readily accessible to the user (see also the description at page 15, lines 11-18, for example). On the contrary, as shown in FIG. 1 of Henderson, the phone 14 is not obliquely angled with respect to the base station. Further, although not applied to this claim, Snyder illustrates in FIG. 4B the phone 71 being perpendicularly set in a holder 15. However, the holder 15 in Snyder et al. is not obliquely angled as claimed by the present invention. Therefore, the advantages of the present invention are not achieved with Snyder et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted dependent claim 4 further defines over the applied art.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted the other rejections noted in the office action have also been overcome as the claims rejected are dependent claims and the additional references also do not teach or suggest the features recited in the amended independent claims.

Further, new claim 33 has been added to set forth the invention, and is similar to amended dependent 4, but depends indirectly on claim 16.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau (Reg. No. 42, 325) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1602 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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